

A device and method for selectively perforating sheets of paper that are moving successively through a perforation device, where the perforation along a direction of the movement. A perforation device performs the perforation. The perforation device includes a perforating tool having a perforating position in which the paper is perforated and a neutral position in which the paper is not perforated. The perforation device further includes a control unit to control the perforating tool by optionally setting the perforating tool in either a perforating position or neutral position. The sheets are run successively through the perforating device, and each selected sheet is perforated in its direction of movement. The perforating tool receives a control signal to set the perforating position if a sheet to be perforated enters the perforating device, and the sheet is perforated along the direction of movement in accordance with the signal.